

Amendments to the Drawings

Please replace the 82 sheets of drawings as originally filed with the accompanying 82 sheets of corrected drawings.

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 22, lines 9-10 as follows:

FIGURE 86 shows ~~FIGURES 86A-B show~~ the partial nucleotide sequence (SEQ. ID. No. 181) of the *dnaX* gene of *B. stearothermophilus*.